

Currently, the Department of Consumers Affairs (DCA) Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) develops and maintains the question item bank for the Board's LMFT Written Clinical Exam. If the Board accepts the AMFTRB National Exam for licensure, the Board will be able to share its question bank with AMFTRB. This will assist AMFTRB in addressing content concerns, it will also increase AMFTRB's ability to offer increased testing frequencies. AMFTRB has expressed interest in obtaining the LMFT Written Clinical item bank if the Board accepts the exam. Staff have also consulted with OPES to discuss how this implementation could be carried out.

Board staff will be working with AFMTRB to promote the job task analysis and encourage California practitioners to participate in the development of the AMFTRB National Exam.

AMFTRB National Exam Accessibility

AMFTRB Contracts with Prometric, and international test administrator, to administer the AMFTRB National Exam. Prometric is a partner of PTC and has extensive test administration experience. The AMFTRB National Exam is administered 1 week each month. Prometric has 470 authorized testing centers worldwide that administer the AMFTRB National Exam, 17 of which are in California. Currently, the LMFT Written Clinical Examination is currently administered through Pearson VUE, which maintains 1,800 authorized test centers worldwide, 1,794 nationwide, and 109 in California.

Through staff conversations with AMFTRB, it is apparent that they are proactively assessing how to manage a potential increase in exam candidates should the Board adopt the AMFTRB National Exam. AMFTRB has recognized the differences in testing administrations and has already begun evaluating the possibility of offering the exam on a more frequent basis, potentially more than once a month or even continuously. Additionally, AMFTRB has indicated that it will be initiating discussions with Prometric to explore the possible expansion of candidate capacity.

Lois Paff Bergen, PhD, LMFT, the Executive Director of AMFTRB, will be in attendance to answer questions from the Board and stakeholders.